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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the "Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project" is being implemented in Sikkim by the Department of Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim with the financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA);

AND WHEREAS under the project one of the major component of the work is promotion of ecotourism activities in the State and the Government of Sikkim is ardently developing the ecotourism sector within well defined conservation parameters and an adequate framework is required to be created within which ecotourism can be established with a clear direction to grow;

AND WHEREAS one of the prerequisite conditions for the implementation of the project is the formulation of the Ecotourism Policy for the State through the public consultation in different districts and inputs from consultative committee comprising of experts;

AND WHEREAS the policy would provide a clear definition bases on internationally accepted norms which all stakeholders in Sikkim would abide by and should be all inclusive indicating the planning and implementation procedures and it should be formulated with full involvement of all the stakeholders so that ownership of the policy is ensured and the vision of making Sikkim as "the ultimate ecotourism destination" is fully achieved in the years to come;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to constitute Ecotourism Consultative Committee as per recommendation which would work to formulate the policy of the State for this purpose a State level meeting will be organized initially at Gangtok and subsequently one meeting will be held in each district to validate the policy in consultation with all the stakeholder;

AND WHEREAS finally a meeting will be held in Gangtok to review and adopt the policy document for the State and the final document shall be approved by the State Government and notification shall be issued and published throughout the State.

NOW THEREFORE with the view to formulate Ecotourism policy in the State Government is pleased to constitute a State Level Committee and District Level Committee as under, namely: -

1. STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE:

(1)	Hon'ble Minister Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management, Tourism, Mines and Geology and Science and Technology	Chairman
(2)	PCCF-cum-Secretary	Member Secretary
(3)	Secretary, UD & HD	Member
(4)	Secretary, Rural Management and Dev. Department	Member
(5)	Secretary, Department of Tourism	Member
(6)	Secretary, Human Resources Department	Member
(7)	Ms. Kelly Bricker, The Chair, The International Ecotourism Society (TIES) and Associate Professor, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, University of Utah USA	Member
(8)	Dr. Ghanashyam Sharma, TMI, Gangtok	Member
(9)	Mr. R.P. Gurung, ECOSS	Member
(10)	Ms. Priya Shrestha, WWF, Gangtok	Member
(11)	President TAAS	Member
(12)	President, SAATO	Member
(13)	President, SHRA	Member
(14)	APCCF, JICA	Member

JICA consultants and GTZ consultants will be invited to the meetings of State Level and District Level committee. Also other office bearers of State Level Tourism Associations will be invited.

2. DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE:

(1)	Chief Conservator of Forest (T)	Chairperson
(2)	District Collector of the concerned District	Member
(3)	Joint Director, SBFP JICA Project	Member Secretary
(4)	DFO (T/SF/LU/WL/Z) of concerned District	Member
(5)	Representative of Rural Management and Development Department	Member
(6)	Representative of Department of Tourism	Member
(7)	Representative of TMI, ECOSS, WWF, TAAS,SAATO,SHRA	Member
(8)	President District Level Tourism Association	Member

Other NGOs working at District Level and office bearers of Tourism related associations at District Level will also be invited for the meetings organized at District Level.

BY ORDER IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR

T.T. Dorji, IAS
Chief Secretary.
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